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COUNTRY <u>Austria</u>	REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Military Information from St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern</u>	619605	
EVALUATION	PLACE OBTAINED	
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REMARKS <u>This is UNEVALUATED</u>		

- On 14 July 1954, military traffic observed at the former Kreisgericht in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) included 23 officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank and artillery insignia, 2 officers with black-bordered black epaulets, and 2 officers with blue bordered blue epaulets. The installation was guarded by a sentry with black-bordered red epaulets. Vehicles seen included jeeps and trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; and jeep and trucks driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets. An amphibious car stood in front of the garages west of the former Kreisgericht. Only a few cars were seen at the installation which was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. The Eugen Kaserne was vacant. Six trucks and three tank trucks were parked in the yard of the Rainer Kaserne which was guarded by a patrol. The Franz-Josef Kaserne was patrolled by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets in the forenoon, and by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets in the afternoon. Fourteen officers with red-bordered black epaulets, including a major with service insignia which showed a field glass, a compass and a circle, and three officers with black-bordered black epaulets entered the installation. The barrier near the Franz-Josef Kaserne was guarded by a sentry with red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicular traffic included jeeps, tank truck and trucks driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets; jeep and trucks driven by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets; and jeep driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets. Local residents stated that the troops from St. Poelten were still employed in the flood area.
- On 16 July, three T-34/85 tanks were observed at Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten which was guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Fresh traces of track laying vehicles leading from the railroad station to the installation indicated that the tanks arrived recently. A long-wire antenna with a lead to a nearby low wooden building was erected at the northern entrance of the camp. A similar antenna with a radio truck was observed at the southern gate.


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Comment. St. Poelten and Camp Spratzern are occupied by the headquarters and components of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Most of the units are stationed at St. Poelten probably moved to the Doellersheim troop training grounds. The statement that other contingents were employed in the flood area is credible. Most of the vehicle  from St. Poelten belonged to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The three T-34/85 tanks seen at Camp Spratzern probably belonged to the 150th Tank SP Regt of this division.

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